

State of Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Agency



Petroleum Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)

Program Demand

The Petroleum Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) is driven by the needs of the public and was developed in response to the high customer demand for technical oversight of petroleum-based cleanups.

Program Goal

PTAP aims to increase the state of Washington's capacity to encourage cleanup by providing another tool for petroleum contaminated site remediation oversight.

Program Overview

- PTAP, established under the authority of RCW 70A.330.040 (9), expands the Pollution Liability Insurance Agency's (PLIA) technical assistance program to include qualifying petroleum sites.
- Services under PTAP include informal advice and assistance on the administrative and technical requirements of the state's cleanup law, the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA), Chapter 70A.305 RCW, and regulations Chapter 173-340 WAC. PLIA will also provide written opinions on independent remedial actions on qualifying petroleum cleanup sites.
- The type of opinion letter issued by PLIA depends on whether or not the proposed or completed cleanup actions have met the substantive requirements of MTCA. Opinions include:
 - No Further Action (NFA) on the Site/Property.
 - o Further Action (FA) on the Site/Property.
 - o Partial Sufficiency (PS) of the Site cleanup.

Program Fee

Customers must apply to receive technical assistance and written opinions under PTAP and pay a one-time program fee of \$7,500.

Program Eligibility

- Sites with a hazard ranking of 3, 4 or 5, or qualifying sites ranked 1 or 2¹.
- PLIA funded through the Loan and Grant or Reinsurance programs.
- NO impact to sediment or surface water.

- Sites with a hazard ranking of 1 or 2¹, or within the bounds of certain larger cleanup sites².
- Department of Ecology funded, for example, through Remedial Action Grant.
- Sites with co-mingled, non-petroleum contaminants.
- Sites in litigation³.



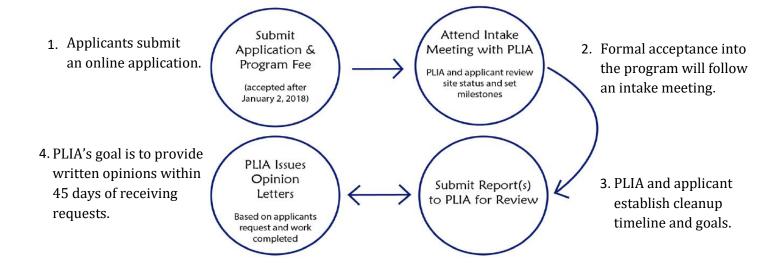
Exclusionary factors may be overridden by PLIA and Ecology based on the results of a site characterization



Sites with a 1 or 2 Hazard Ranking are eligible for PTAP if there is no surface water or sediment pathway.
Sites that are located within or impact a Superfund Site, Nuclear Managed Site, Industrial Section Site or Dangerous Waste Site managed by the Hazardous Waste Toxics Reduction Program.

Litigation may include potentially liable person (PLP), site, court supervision, agreed order or active contracts between Ecology and PLP.

Program Process



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